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SUBJ: FRG CONCERNS RE PROTECTIONISM IN U.S.

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1. ECONMINISTRY ASSISTANT SECRETARY EVERLING (HEAD
OF EUROPEAN DIVISION) TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MARCH 5 CALL
BY ECONMINISTER (SEPTEL) TO STRESS FRG CONCERNS OVER
ALLEGED GROUNDSWELL OF PROTECTIONISM IN US WHICH COULD
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LEAD TO RETALIATORY STEPS IN EC AND ELSEWHERE.

2. EVERLING BASED HIS CONCERN ON RECENT ITC ESCAPE CLAUSE FINDINGS -- JANUARY 16 DECISION RE STAINLESS AND ALLOY TOOL STEEL (REF A), AND MARCH 1 DECISION RE STAINLESS STEEL FLATWARE (REF C). HE REPEATED OFT-HEARD CLAIM THAT SOME 25 PERCENT OF EC EXPORTS TO US ARE NOW THREATENED BY ACTIONS DERIVING FROM 1974 TRADE ACT. USING POINTS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN EC NOTE OF FEBRUARY 3 (REF B), HE ALLUDED TO STRONG PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT IN EC RE STEEL. HE URGED ON US DANGER OF PROTECTIONIST ESCALATION ONCE THE PROCESS BEGINS, POINTING OUT HOW HARD IT HAS BEEN IN THE FRG TO DEFLECT MIPS FOR STEEL.

3. ECONMINISTER DREW ON REF D AND OTHER GUIDANCE TO PUT MATTER IN PERSPECTIVE. HE NOTED UNDIMINISHED USG COMMITMENT TO OECD TRADE PLEDGE AND RAMBOUILLET DECLARATION, AND HE CAUTIONED EVERLING NOT TO ASSUME THAT RASH OF ACTIONS FILED UNDER TRADE ACT MUST LEAD TO PROTECTIONIST STEPS BY USG. EVERLING TOOK POINT BUT SAID HE HAD HEARD THESE ARGUMENTS BEFORE. HE WISHED TO underscore THAT FRG AND EC CONCERNS REMAIN VERY GREAT.

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